

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12
AREA: Oliver vicinity

SURVEY NO.: B-3970
MAGI NO.: 0439705724

ADDRESS: 1517-1521 East Eager Street
CURRENT NAME: New Friendship Baptist Church

BLOCK: 1212 LOT: 3
HEIGHT: 3
CONDITION: Good

LOT SIZE: 59 ft. x 70 ft.
MATERIALS: Brick and concrete
OWNER: New Friendship Baptist Church
ADDRESS: 1521 E. Eager Street
ACCESSIBLE: Yes
LIBER/FOLIO: MLP 10042-23



HISTORIC NAME: Princess Theater
DATE: Ca. 1916
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

The Princess Theater is a three story brick and concrete building with an ornamental tile mansard, brick end piers and fan pediment which was built about 1916 on the southwest corner of East Eager and North Bond Streets in east Baltimore. The facade faces north. The main entrance was originally three-part, with the central entrance under a fanlighted arch supported on brick piers. The side entrances had large transoms of vertical five-part windows. The entrances have been reduced in size and the infill covered with stucco. Above the arch is a deep frieze and a wide modillion cornice. The tiled mansard above the cornice covers the area between the brick end piers and the central dormer which has two windows and is topped by a fan pediment and globe finial.

SIGNIFICANCE:

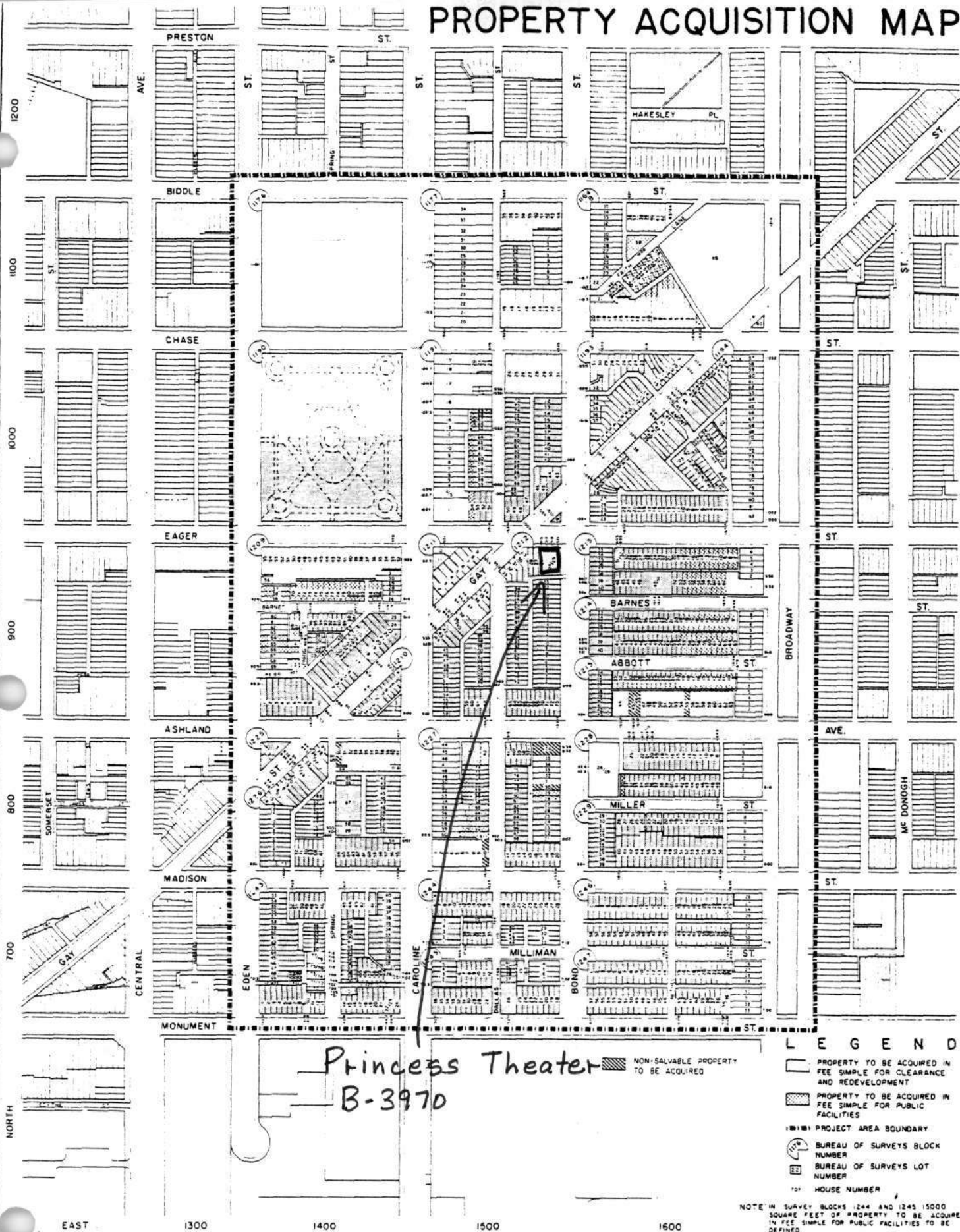
AREA: architecture LEVEL: local

The Princess Theater is notable for its whimsical roofline and facade details which survive in spite of over 40 years use as a church. Opening in 1916, the Princess operated as a movie theatre only until about 1929-30. By 1936, it was the Zion Baptist Church; which for several years had a restaurant in one section of the building. In 1949, Zion merged with New Friendship Baptist and has occupied the building since that date.

SOURCES: Headley, Exit; Land Records; City Directories.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet L. Davis, CHAP, August 1987.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION MAP



GAY STREET I

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GAY STREET I MD R-34

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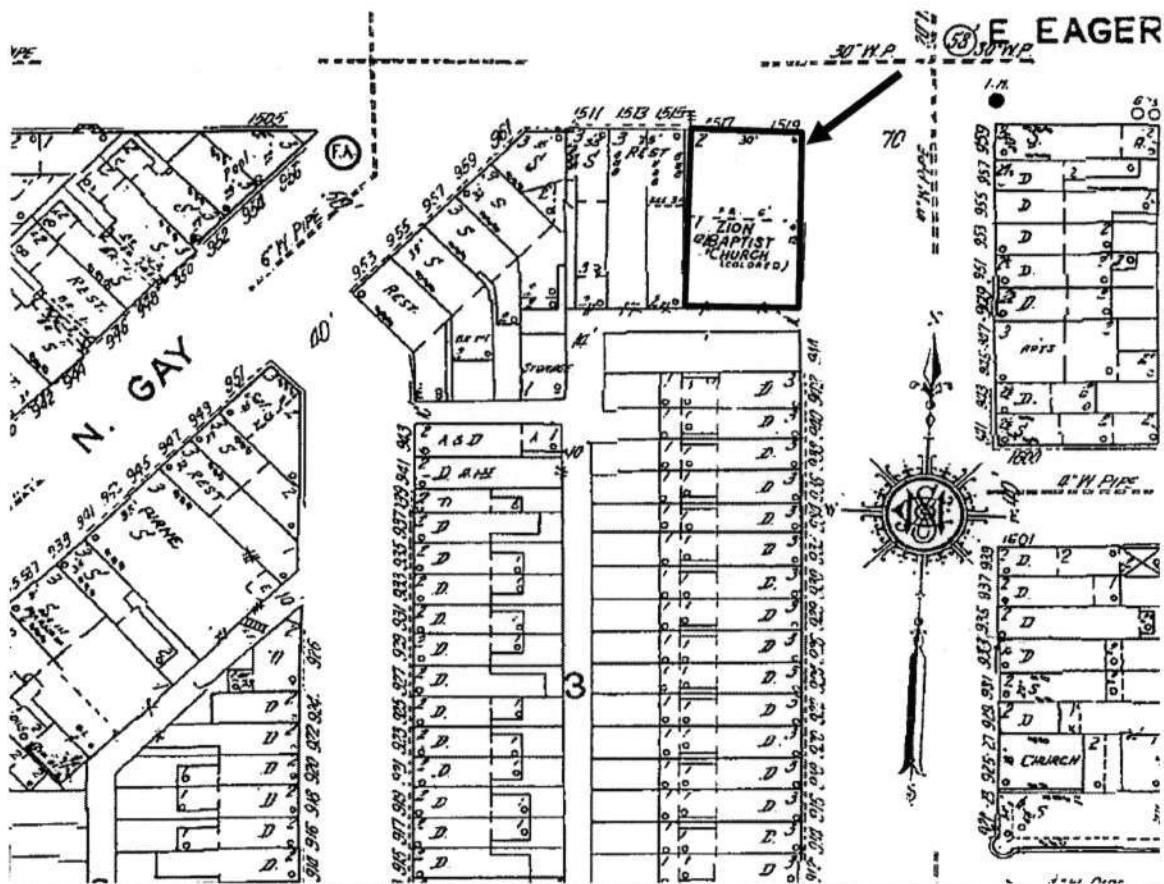
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EXHIBIT

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 Princess Theater, site
 (Zion Baptist Church, New Friendship Baptist Church)
 Sanborn Map, 1914, reprinted 1953
 Volume 3, Sheet 266

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Princess Theater (New Friendship Baptist Church, Zion Baptist Church)

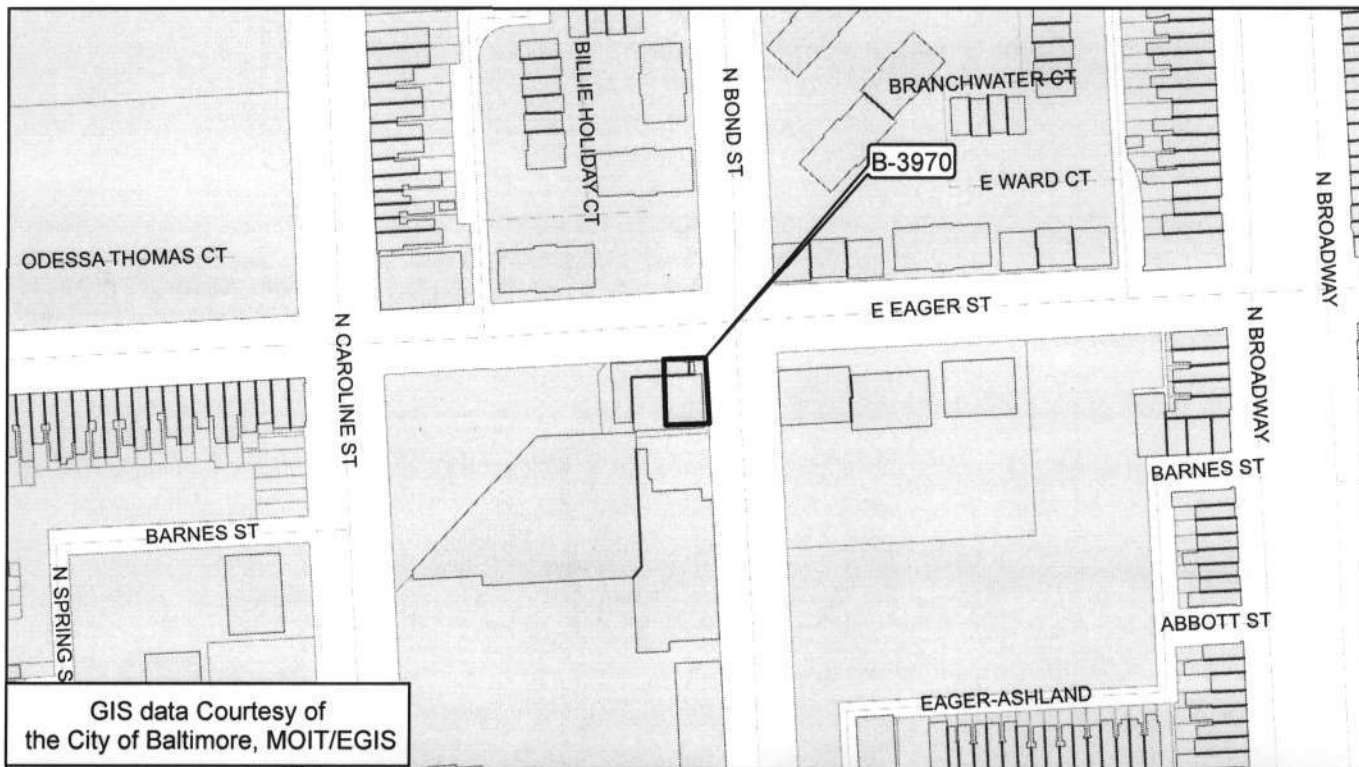
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Block 1212, Lot 002

Baltimore City

Baltimore East Quad.

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Princess Theater

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1517-1521 East Eager Street

Baltimore, Maryland

Photographer : Janet Davis

July 1987

Neg. loc. : Md. SHPO

North elevation